

**STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY GOVERNING BOARD
MINUTES
September 9, 2014**

SIGB MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Baldwin, Chief Information Officer, Vice-Chairman; Jon Swartz for Mike Tooley, MDT; Tom Butler for Tim Fox, Attorney General; Bonnie Lorang, MITS; Siri Smillie for Tim Burton, Governor's Office; Jayne Rogers, MEMSA; Patrick Lonergan, MSFCA; Jeff Fisher, DMA; Joe Briggs, MACO; Jason Smith, Director of Indian Affairs;

SIGB MEMBERS CONFERENCE CALL: Dorothy Gremaux for Kevin Myhre, MLCT; Dave Gibson for Geoff Feiss, MTA; EJ Clark for Roger Nasset, MACOP

STAFF/GUESTS PRESENT: Warren Dupuis, SITSD, SPOC; Quinn Ness, PSCB, SWIC; Dan Sullivan, PSCB; Wing Spooner, PSCB; Mike Feldman, DOJ/MHP; Keith Cook, Motorola Solutions; Chad Hultin, PSCB; Mark Taylor, Assoc. of MT Troopers

GUESTS CONFERENCE CALL: Kim Burdick, APCO

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Ron Baldwin, SIGB Vice-Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jayne Rogers moved to accept the August minutes and Jeff Fisher seconded. The motion carried.

STATUS REPORT: NPSBN FIRSTNET INITIAL CONSULTATION MEETING: Dan Sullivan provided the following updates:

- A conference call was held on September 3rd with the FirstNet.
- The focus for the Initial Consultation Meeting will be on identifying First Responder broadband requirements.
- The draft agenda will include:
 - A FirstNet roadmap presentation on how they got to where they are today.
 - A Governance structure presentation to include the decision-making process.
 - Five representatives have been requested to present their views on broadband requirements in the context of 1) planned public events; 2) daily incidents; and 3) disasters. Four of the representatives should be from the local level representing law enforcement, fire, volunteer fire and EMS; as well as one from the state level, such as DOJ/MHP.
- Quinn Ness stated that the 2013 Rainbow Family gathering in Beaverhead County could be used as an example of identifying DOJ/MHP's requirements.
- It has been suggested that the presentations include unique Montana circumstances such as long distances, rural areas and wild lands.
- Patrick Lonergan said the Fire Chiefs will provide a presentation and that both he and Chief Jason Shrauger will be available.

- EJ Clark suggested talking to Leo Dutton regarding the Search and Rescue component for rural areas and that there's no capability of reporting emergencies using cell phones, etc.
- Ron Baldwin suggested speaking to Julie French, Nemont Communications, Board Director. She served in an EMS capacity and recently used examples of how broadband capability was used with smart phones when responding to emergency incidents.
- Joe Briggs suggested use of Mobile Data Terminal's as another example.
- Tom Butler reminded the board that the FirstNet network will not eliminate the need for land mobile radio systems.

STATUS REPORT: LMR INITIATIVES & ACTIVITIES Quinn Ness provided the following report/updates:

State Appropriations Projects Status:

2007 Legislative session HB4 Appropriation #1 Projects:

- Butte Silver Bow dispatch console: Project is 95% complete and was projected to be complete by end of August 2014.
- DOJ/MHP: MW Pompey's to Pillar-Hysham: Scheduled for completion by May 2015 with 5% project activities complete. The Backbone Working Group has been tasked with vetting this project and the completion of the trunked LMR system(s) backbone network.

2007 Legislative session HB4 Appropriation #2 Projects:

- Lewis & Clark Co. Over-the-Air Rekeying (OTAR): Project completion is projected by May 2015 with 10% of project activities currently complete.

2013 Legislative Session HB10 Maintenance Projects:

- Lewis & Clark Co. Trunked LMR Systems Software update: Scheduled for completion and closeout in September 2014 with 95% activities completed.
- DOJ/MHP: Aviat Networks MW Network Maintenance Services: Scheduled for completion by December 2014 with 75% of project activities complete.
- Trunked LMR System Equipment Owners: Motorola Extended Warranty Services: Scheduled for completion by May 2015 with 25% of project activities complete.
- Telecommunication Circuit Leases: Scheduled for completion by May 2015 with 5% of the project activities complete.

Legislative Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee; Stranded 9-1-1 Funds:

- The legislative interim committee met on September 8, 2014 and the agenda included the "stranded 9-1-1 funds".
- The 9-1-1 wireless provider cost recovery account balance is approximately \$10 million.
- The Committee previously drafted legislation and requested public comment on the draft bill, which distributed the account balance to the counties.
- MITS, Missoula County, Mid-Rivers Communications, MTA, AT&T and Verizon all submitted comments and provided testimony.

- Missoula County's comments focused on distribution of the stranded funds to 9-1-1 jurisdictions rather than to counties.
- Mid-Rivers Communications and MITS focused on the statutory definition of "allowable costs", stating that the current definition was a major barrier to accessing the funds in the account.
- MTA opposed not diluting the definition of allowable costs; AT&T and Verizon were also opposed to broadening the allowable cost definition.
- No action was taken by the committee on the draft bill.

Working Groups Memberships and Chair Appointment:

LMR Backbone Working Group Membership

SIGB Members/Alternates:

- Colonel Tom Butler, DOJ/MHP, Chairman
- Bonnie Lorang, General Manager, MITS
- Dorothy Gremaux, City of Lewistown, MLCT
- Chief, Bob Drake, Tri-Lake Fire Department, MVFA

SMEs:

- Charlie Gilmore, L&C County
- Roger Smith, L&C County
- Dale Osborne, MDOJ/MHP
- Jack Spillman, Flathead County
- Gary Evans, VisionNet
- Tory Richtmyer, Mid-States Consulting
- MITS*

MOTION: Joe Briggs moved to approve the nomination of Tom Butler as chair for the LMR Backbone working group; and to also include Tim Wilson, Nemont Communications; and Michael Candelaria, Mid-Rivers Communications, as additional members. Jayne Rogers seconded, and the motion passed.

Working Group Activities: Operations & Maintenance; Training & Exercises and LMR Systems Backbone are now all official working groups. Quinn Ness will send out scheduled meetings in the near future.

Training & Exercise Working Group Status Report: Jeff Fisher reported on the following:

- Upcoming Exercises: September 17th, 2014: Montana Monsoon is a District I exercise based on a flood scenario out of Colorado last year. It will be conducted using connectivity of the Montana GMR Mutual Aid channels and will be conducted using local Ham operators from across four counties.
- DES is reviewing DHS Cause III Exercise documentation and deciding if this is something Montana should participate in, depending on costs, etc.

- Upcoming Training: DES conducted FEMA all Hazards Communication Unit Leader training this past May, with an exercise scheduled for next spring in Great Falls.

LMR System Funding & Equipment Ownership: Mike Feldman, MHP, provided the following report:

- Four binders have been assembled that depict all pertinent site information.
- PSCB will assist MHP with posting the information electronically to the SIGB website.
- Equipment ownership is broken into four components: 1) land 2) civil equipment 3) microwave equipment and 4) trunking equipment.
- To date, over 100 sites have been reviewed, and of these sites land ownership and funding sources have been identified/noted.
- Mike is waiting on information for three sites which has not been included in his report.
- Tom Butler pointed out that the binders are not totally accurate as far as ownership and to keep this in mind when reviewing.
- Tom Butler stated he would like direction from the board on viable funding options for the operations and maintenance of the statewide trunked LMR system(s) funding.
- According to Joe Briggs, it's premature to attempt to identify funding sources as there are other issues and certain questions that need to be answered, such as ownership and who's actually using the system and who contributes to maintenance right now.
- Tom Butler provided a system call information chart drafted by Dale Osborn and Roger Smith, which depicts a week's worth of call activity. In this scenario, Gallatin County made the most calls, or 1,515 in total.
- Discussion ensued regarding what the funding appropriation should look like, and Joe Briggs suggested looking at and considering the next four.
- Tom Butler reported that Mike Feldman is available to the board to provide assistance when needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:14 pm.